



## *The Society of Master Mariners of South Africa*

### *Durban Branch*

Berea Rovers Saimena Room  
Tuesday 16 February 2010

The meeting opened at 1800 hrs with the reading of the creed by the President of the society, Graham Mannall.

Apologies: Mike Melly, Bruce Dunn, Roy Martin, Colin Johnsen, Robin Rowe, Dave Rennie, Alan Reid, John Easton, Eric Bismeyer, Rob Young, Rob Fletcher, Mark Koen, Doug Peel, Andreas Welz, Richard Barry, Brian Kohler, Gavin Le Roux. Gerry Ryan, Rick Van Der Krol, Trevor Coxon

Present: David Bertram, Douglas Young, Tas O' Brian, Grant Bairstow, Chris Savage, Steve Hawthorn, Brian Hawkins, Eddy Neilson, Vince Hatch, Peter Hockaday, Roy Scallan, Graham Mannall, Howard Jackson-Moss

The president welcomed two new members into the society; Steve Hawthorn and Grant Bairstow

Graham Mannall expressed his concern about the decline of the Durban branch, and called for someone to come forward and drive the branch. It was evident that the old method of branch meetings held little meaning, and had no real value, and it soon became clear that no one was willing to take on the job.

A lively debate followed ,with ideas for action towards re-establishing the branch;

- Run the branch on a social level at 4-6 week intervals coordinated by Dave Bertram, Howard Jackson-Moss agreed to circulate dates and venue
- Re-establish the data base of specific skills within branch members, with a view of supporting the DUT Maritime faculty
- Actively seek to find speakers on industry specific subjects

Dave Sievewright of the NSRI advised that the venue will be again available to the Branch at the end of April 2010.

Graham Mannall reported IMO is considering a request from Intertanko to move the winter zone off the South African coast 50 miles south of existing boundary. This will legalise summer laden vessels avoiding the current winter zone off South Africa.

No further business to discuss the meeting closed at 1945hrs  
Next meeting subject to the social coordinator's advice